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## December Milk Production

Dairy herds in Ohio produced 440 million pounds of milk during December, down 4.1 percent from a year ago, according to Cheryl Turner, State Statistician of the USDA, NASS, Ohio Field Office. The daily rate per cow was 56.1 pounds, unchanged from December 2017. The dairy herd was estimated at 253,000 head for December, down 11,000 head from a year earlier.

Milk production in the 23 major States during December totaled 17.1 billion pounds, up 0.9 percent from December 2017. The daily production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 63.4 pounds for December, up 0.7 pounds from December 2017. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.72 million head, 21,000 head less than December 2017, and 2,000 head less than November 2018.

### Milk production, December

Commodity	Ohio			23 Major States		
	2016	2017	2018	2016	2017	2018
Cows .....1,000 Hd	262	264	253	8,683	8,736	8,715
Daily rate per cow .....Pounds	57.1	56.1	56.1	62.4	62.7	63.4
Production .....Mil lbs	464	459	440	16,788	16,978	17,133

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